

## Appendix E. Dichotomous Key to *Nicrophorus* Species in Oklahoma

### American Burying Beetle Survey Methods

Table 2. Key to burying beetles of eastern Oklahoma and western Arkansas.

1A. Pronotum covered with fine, golden hairs.....	<i>tomentosus</i>
1B. Pronotum not covered with hairs.....	2
2A. Pronotum and frons red-orange.....	<i>americanus</i>
2B. Pronotum and frons black.....	3
3A. Elytral spots faint or absent.....	<i>pustulatus</i>
3B. Elytral spots present.....	4
4A. Pronotum round, smooth and domelike.....	<i>carolinus</i>
4B. Pronotum not round, smooth or domelike.....	5
5A. Femur of back leg distinctly curved.....	<i>sayi</i>
5B. Femur of back leg straight.....	6
6A. Spots on each elytron connected on lateral edge of elytron.....	<i>marginatus</i>
6B. Elytral spots distinct.....	<i>orbicollis</i>